

FIREFIGHTER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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General Information

The provisions of Act 2000-669 apply to any full-time certified firefighter, correctional officer or law enforcement officer not covered as State Police. The provisions of the Act became effective January 1, 2001. The deadline for making contributions upon the periods of prior service is December 31, 2002.

Effective January 1, 2001, each eligible full-time firefighter, correctional officer or law enforcement officer shall contribute 6% of his or her earnable compensation.

Act 2000-669 will provide eligible firefighters, correctional officers and law enforcement officers with one year of additional retirement service credit for each 5 years of employment as a full-time certified firefighter, correctional officer or law enforcement officer **provided** that the member remits to the TRS or ERS 1% of his or her current annual earnable compensation or the previous year's annual earnable compensation, whichever is higher.

Contributions may be made upon the prior service in increments of 5 years unless the total prior service is less than 5 years. In that case, the service cost will be purchased in its entirety. Proportional credit will be awarded for periods of service less than 5 years.

The additional retirement service credit provided under this act will be granted upon the member's attainment of the required number of years to qualify for service or disability retirement. *The additional retirement service may not be used to meet the creditable service requirement for service or disability retirement.*

Certification for Firefighters

The agency must certify service for current or former firefighters who were employed full-time. The agency must certify eligible service as soon as possible. A separate ACT 2000-669 FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION FORM must be completed by each employing agency to which service under this act has been rendered.

The current employing agency should complete Part 1 on each submitted form. Part 2 of the certification should be completed by the employing agency to which the service was rendered. The TRS will forward the FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION FORM to the Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education Commission. A separate form must be completed for each period of claimed service rendered to a different employing agency.

The TRS will correspond directly with the member regarding the additional amount to be remitted by the firefighter. The agency is not required to pay any agency matching for service rendered prior to January 1, 2001.

The agency must remit six percent (6%) of the firefighter's earnable compensation effective January 1, 2001.

Certification for Law Enforcement or Corrections Officer

The agency must certify service for current or former law enforcement or corrections officers who were employed full-time. Eligible service must be certified to the TRS as soon as possible.

The current employing agency should complete Part 1 on each submitted form. Part 2 of the certification should be completed by the employing agency to which the service was rendered. The TRS will forward the CERTIFICATION FORM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER to the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission. A separate form must be completed for each period of claimed service rendered to a different employing agency.

The TRS will correspond directly with the member regarding the additional amount to be remitted by the law enforcement or corrections officer. The agency is not required to pay any agency matching for service rendered prior to January 1, 2001.

The agency must remit six percent (6%) of the law enforcement or corrections officer's earnable compensation effective January 1, 2001.